Sl. No.	Name of SEBs	Quantum of Power purchased (in million units)	Average cost per unit (in Rs.)
11.	Punjab State Electricity Board	78.849	4.15
12.	Rajasthan State Electricity Board	233.09	4.14
13.	Tamil Nadu Electricity Board	452.40	4.178
14.	Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd.	675.622	4.44
15.	West Bengal State Electricity Board	543.45	3.63
16.	Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board	458.54	5.25
17.	Jharkhand State Electricity Board	293.86	5.21
18.	TATA in Mumbai area	678.32	3.56
19.	Demodar Valley Corporation	427.69	3.62
20.	National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd.	318.585	2.60
	GRAND TOTAL:	**8342.142**	**4.27**

Lease of surplus railway Land

1881. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have decided to lease out surplus lands in urban areas to developers for commercial plazas and multiplexes and that in rural areas to plantation companies on a revenue-sharing basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the viewpoints of States, within whose jurisdiction the surplus lands are situated, have been consulted in the matter if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Railways have decided to utilise some of its land for commerical use and plantation, where such potential exists to generate revenues for improving rail facilities. Certain sites have been identified and feasibility studies are being conducted in this regard and in some cases, bidding process has also been initiated.

The land is generally given to developers on long lease through an open bidding process. Land for plantation is given on revenue sharing basis subject to a minimum guaranteed amount to Railway.

(c) The approval of the local authorities are taken where required.

Disinvestment in Railway PSUs

1882. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are not in favour of disinvestment in Rail India Technical and Economic Services and Indian Railway Construction Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the recommendations of disinvestment commission in regard to these PSUs; and

(d) the reaction of the Railways thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Ministry of Railways is not in favour of disinvestment in Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) and Indian Railway Construction Croporation (IRCON International Ltd.)

(b) RITES is a consultancy organization under the Ministry of Railways which carries out studies as required by the Indian Railways, clients railways abroad and other sectors. RITES also is in the business of export of rolling stock and inspection of materials procured by the railways. IRCON is in the field of construction of railway projects which are of specialized nature. The Ministry is not in favour of disinvestments of Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd. (RITES) and Indian Railway Construction Corporation (IRCON International Ltd.) for the following reasons:

(i) IRCON and RITES being construction and consultancy organizations can keep only a small work force on permanent basis. In the existing scenario of stiff competition in the construction industry, both in domestic and international market, only companies which are lean with respect to their fixed cadre